



**1175<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**  
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San Francisco, California

# **TOKENS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO GOLD RUSH**

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*1174<sup>th</sup> meeting, February 26, 2014*

Federico Castillo presented his talk: **These Aztec Calendar: Its Meaning and Symbolism in Mexican Numismatics.**

The famous Aztec Stone Calendar was carved about 1479 shortly before the Spanish arrived. It was discovered in the Zócalo, the main square of Mexico City, on December 17, 1790 during repairs to the Cathedral. It was displayed in the Cathedral until 1885 when it was made a National Symbol of Mexico.

The stone—carved from basalt—is approximately 12 feet in diameter and 3 to 4 feet thick. It is not really a calendar; rather it was used in ceremonies and has calendar components. It can be used to calculate a point in time based on a year of 365 days and a religious cycle of 260 days based on the cycles of Venus.

Francisco then discussed and displayed a variety of coins, medals, and tokens that incorporate the stone or components of the stone into their designs.

*Members shared the following items:*

Stephen shared an example of war money, 10 marks kriegsgelt from 1917 Saxony.

Chris shared purchases from the Old Mint show, a 1791 Conder half penny and a George Gordon / Britons Rule medal.

Scott displayed an 1819G Guatemala  $\frac{1}{4}$  Real, NGC MS 63 and an extremely rare 1829 – NG M Guatemala 1 Real. Catalogs report 4 known, Scott believes around a dozen actually exist.

Bill displayed a souvenir watch fob from the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. The so-called dollar sized medal on the fob appears to be the well known earthquake piece cataloged by Hibler and Kappen, but it is not. Bill also displayed an 1899 Spanish American War return of the veterans souvenir badge with an original ribbon and pin bar.

Michael exhibited a 1932 silver-plated award medal from the Dhalia Society of California made by Larson & Co. of San Francisco. He also shared a 10gm Golden Gate Bridge commemorative silver bar.

*Raffle:*

Chris won a 1700-1800 World Coins Catalog, a Colorado Springs Coin Show print, and a Russian medal.



Ed won a set of Numismatics International bulletins and a Penny Weight.

Bill won a 1967 Redbook.

Jerry won a silver round.

Federico won a bag of coin capsules.

## **2014 Annual Papers Contest:**

PCNS is accepting entries for its 2014 Papers Contest. Submissions must be previously unpublished original writing on a numismatic topic. Participation is open to all. You do not need to be a PCNS member to participate.

### **Contest Rules:**

1. Only original, previously unpublished writings on numismatic topics may be submitted. All submissions will be considered. Participants may submit more than one paper.
2. Format: Papers may be electronically submitted as either a plain text file or an MS Word doc file. Participants who lack electronic access should contact the society for other arrangements. See "Contacts" at bottom of this document.
3. Cover page: Papers should include (on a title page) the title of the paper, authors' name(s), address, phone number and email address (for contact, not for publication).
4. Illustrations: All illustrations (photos, charts, tables, drawings, etc.) which are appropriate for publication should accompany the text, complete with any captions or descriptions which are needed for their interpretation and understanding by readers. Notes within the text should indicate where illustrations are placed (e.g. figure 3 here). Information on the original size of numismatic items should be included to aid in the publication of illustrations. Do not submit your images embedded in a text or Word file or the body of the paper. Images must be separate files for us to manage for publications.
5. Quotes must be properly credited. Material quoted from any published work should be cited in endnotes or footnotes, which should appear at the end of the paper. If appropriate, include a bibliography or reference list of related books after any endnotes.
6. Length of papers is not specific, but generally papers should be at least two double-spaced pages of type (not counting title page, illustrations, and bibliography). Longer papers are acceptable, but writers who are contemplating papers in excess of 12 double-

### ***New Members:***

Membership requests were received from:

Dan Wilson, Carson City, Nevada, and  
Blake Rotter, San Francisco, California

If there are no objections, they will become official members at the April 23 meeting.

### ***2014 meeting Schedule:***

April 23, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason

May 28, 2014: Building C, Fort Mason

June 28, 2014: Banquet TBA

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7. Deadline for submissions of papers for the 2014 papers contest should be submitted by the April 30th, 2014 PCNS regular meeting.

8. Judging will be done by a panel of at least three judges selected by the Papers Chairperson. Judges will be directed to consider the following in making their recommendations: (a) contribution to numismatics, (b) clarity, and (c) interest. 9. Awards will be presented at the annual PCNS June Banquet. Participants may submit more than one paper, but only a single award can be presented to a participant each year. The first prize recipient will receive an engraved silver-plated PCNS medal. The author of the second paper will receive a similar medal in bronze. All participants will be recognized in print, and all papers which are selected for publication will be included in both the PCNS annual publication. The publication will be distributed to all members of PCNS as part of their membership benefits.

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